

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a first inflatable section having an interior open to an airflow from a continually running blower which provides support for the first inflatable section; [[and]]
a second inflatable section attached to a first side of the first inflatable section and having an interior that is substantially separated from the interior of the first inflatable section; and
a third inflatable section attached to a second side of the first inflatable section and having an interior that is substantially separated from the interior of the first inflatable section, wherein the second inflatable section and the third inflatable section are configured such that if the airflow is stopped the second inflatable section and the third inflatable section will not deflate as fast as the first inflatable section, wherein the second inflatable section provides and the third inflatable section provide support to the first inflatable section when the airflow is stopped.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first inflatable section includes a top surface defining a slide.
3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the second inflatable section supports the first inflatable section at substantially the full height of the first inflatable section when the airflow is stopped.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the airflow into the second section flows through seam-holes between the first and second section.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second inflatable section includes a lower surface resting on a ground surface and a side surface attached at least half-way up a side of the first inflatable section.

6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising a second inflatable section of an inflatable amusement or advertising unit supporting a first inflatable section, the first inflatable section including a slide having a height of at least 15 feet, wherein the second inflatable section is adapted to deflate more slowly than the first inflatable section when a source of airflow to the inflatable unit is interrupted or stopped such that the slide is supported by the second inflatable section.
7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first inflatable section is directly coupled to a blower to receive a continual air-flow from the blower.
8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, including a wall between the first and second inflatable sections, wherein the second inflatable section receives a portion of the airflow through holes at a seam between the first section and the second section.
9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first inflatable section is a central portion of the inflatable amusement or advertising unit and the second section is on a side of the first inflatable section.
10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, including a third inflatable section for supporting the first inflatable section, wherein the third inflatable section is adapted to deflate more slowly than the first inflatable section when a source of airflow to the inflatable unit is interrupted or stopped.
11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
an inflatable structure of a type that constantly leaks air, the inflatable structure adapted to be supported by airflow of a continually running blower; and
means to at least temporarily support the inflatable structure at substantially its full height if the airflow into the inflatable structure is reduced to a level that does not support the inflatable structure.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the inflatable structure includes an upper surface defining a slide.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein means to at least temporarily support includes a second inflatable structure coupled to the inflatable structure that is not open to the airflow.

14. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

an inflatable structure having a first inflatable portion defining a slide having a height of at least 15 feet and a stairway extending to the top of the slide, the first inflatable portion having an interior volume open to an air-flow from a blower and adapted to be pressurized by the blower running continually, the inflatable structure including a second inflatable portion attached to the first inflatable portion and having a bottom surface resting on a ground surface and a top section attached to the first inflatable portion at a height at least half-way up the first inflatable portion, the second inflatable portion not having direct communication with the airflow such that the second inflatable portion inflates slower than the first inflatable portion and also deflates slower than the first inflatable portion, wherein if the airflow from the blower is stopped or reduced the second inflatable portion will at least temporarily support the first inflatable portion.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the second inflatable portion receives a portion of the airflow through holes at a seam between the first inflatable portion and the inflatable portion section.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, including a third inflatable portion attached to the first inflatable portion, the third inflatable portion not having direct communication with the airflow.

17. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising an inflatable amusement or advertising structure adapted for inflation by a substantially continuous airflow from a blower, the structure including at least two inflatable sections wherein a first one of the inflatable sections is

positioned and adapted to: a) remain inflated longer than the other inflatable section after airflow from the blower is interrupted, and b) provide support for the other inflatable section so as to support the other inflatable section up to substantially its full height even as the other inflatable section deflates.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the apparatus includes an inflatable slide.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the structure includes a third inflatable section which is also adapted to: a) remain inflated longer than the other inflatable section after airflow from the blower is interrupted, and b) provide support the other inflatable section even as the other inflatable section deflates.

20. (Previously Presented) A method comprising supporting a first inflatable section of an inflatable amusement or advertising structure up to substantially its full height using a second inflatable section adapted to deflate more slowly than the first inflatable section when a source of continual airflow to the inflatable structure is interrupted or stopped.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the airflow to the structure is delivered by a continually running blower.

22. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

inflating an inflatable slide structure to a height of at least 15 feet with an airflow from a continually running blower; and

at least temporarily supporting the inflatable slide structure at substantially a full height of the slide structure if the airflow into the inflatable structure is reduced to a level that does not support the inflatable structure.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein at least temporarily supporting includes providing a separate inflatable section of the inflatable structure that does not include a direct opening to the airflow.